

Mayor's Proclamation

City of Canton, Ohio

RECOGNIZING R.J. VAN ALMEN STARK COUNTY SWIMMING AND DIVING HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

WHEREAS, it is with the greatest honor that the Stark County Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame will recognize R.J. Van Almen as a 2014 Hall of Fame Inductee presented by the Greater Canton Aquatics Association; and

WHEREAS, R.J. had an outstanding high school career in which he qualified for the swimming and diving State Championships eleven times in four years. He was chosen as a member of the All-Ohio team three years in a row, and the NEAC Swimmer of the Year two years in a row; and

WHEREAS, he was also 1st Team All-Federal for three years, 1st Team All-Stark County for four years and sixteen-time All-District. R.J. held records at both Glen Oak and McKinley High School. Upon graduation, R.J. swam at Mount Union College, setting an example and standards for the other swimmers. As a Purple Raider R.J. was a fourteen time All-OAC, a four time All-OAC Champion and team MVP; and

WHEREAS, R.J. currently serves on the Board of Greater Canton Aquatics Association and as the President of the Greater Canton Amateur Sports Hall of Fame. He is self-employed, with two of his greatest passions being that of serving the aquatics community and officiating. Father to three children, he currently resides in Hartville; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, William J. Healy II, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Canton, Ohio, do hereby recognize

R.J. VAN ALMEN

on the occasion of his induction, on this 27th day of April, two thousand fourteen, for his rigorous dedication to swimming, and urge all citizens to join me in publicly congratulating him on his many accomplishments over the years.



WILLIAM J. HEALY II
MAYOR